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SENSITIVITY BY ANALYZING THE MU-  
OPIOID RECEPTOR GENE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER § 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated March 19, 2010, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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